

REMARKS

Initially, it is noted that the Examiner has objected to the specification and the drawings for various informalities. Applicant has amended the specification and Figure 5 in order to correct such informalities. It is now believed that the specification and drawings are in proper form for allowance and withdrawal of the Examiner's objections is respectfully requested.

It is further noted that the Examiner has objected to the drawings because, in the Examiner's opinion, the subject matter of claim 3 is not shown therein. As hereinafter described, applicant has rewritten claim 3 in independent form as new claim 36. As pointed out in applicant's response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, the subject matter of claim 3 was generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner in the present application. Hence, applicant believes that the subject matter of prior dependent claim 3, now independent claim 36 is depicted in the drawings. For example, referring to the specification, page 7, lines 2-4, it states "the carriage roll 250 includes a head 255, a neck or shaft 260 and a guide portion 265 therebetween. The guide portion 265 has a generally square cross sectional shape." Guide portion 265 is depicted in Fig. 5. Consequently, applicant believes that the subject matter of prior dependent claim 3, now independent claim 36, is provided in the drawings and withdrawal of the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 CFR. § 1.83 (a) is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 8 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled claims 3 and 34 and as amended claim 8 in order to more particularly out the invention for which protection is sought. It is now believed that claim 8 is in proper form for allowance and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to claim 23 due to a typographical error therein. Applicant has amended claim 23 as suggested by the Examiner. As such, withdrawal of the Examiner's objection is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-4, 6-9, 16, 25-26 and 31 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten claims 3-4, 9, 16, 26 and 31 in independent form as new claims 36-41, respectively. It is believed that claims 36-41 are in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of dependent claim 6 into independent claim 1. It is now believed that claim 1 is in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Claims 7-8 depend from claim 1 and further define a slide mechanism not shown or suggested in the art. It is believed that claims 7-8 are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim and in view of the subject matter of each claim.

Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claim 25 into independent claim 23. As such, it is believed that independent claim 23 is in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Finally, in the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, the Examiner indicated that original claims 1-35 defined a plurality of patentably distinct species. However, as pointed out by applicant in the Response to the March 4, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-4, 10, and 23-25 as originally filed were generic to all species identified by the Examiner. The Examiner has indicated in the present Office Action that claims 3-4 and 24-25 contain patentable subject matter. Consequently, applicant hereby requests that since a generic claim has been determined to be allowable in the present application, all of the claims previously withdrawn, namely, claims

10-12, 14, 17-22, 27-29, 33 and 35 be returned to the present application and examined accordingly. Applicant believes that such claims are in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicant believes that the present application with claims 1, 7-8, 23 and 36-41 is in proper form for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. A check in the amount of \$500.00 to cover five (5) extra independent claims is enclosed. If no other fee is believed to be payable with this communication. Thus, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the director is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite the prosecution and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached annotated one sheet of drawings includes a change to Fig. 5 in which reference character 367 has been added. Also attached is a replacement sheet incorporating this change.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

Annotated Sheet showing change (1)



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